

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9068–69, H9070, H9070–71. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### BUDGET RECONCILIATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Began discussion of Title I, the Digital Television Transition Act of 2005, and Title II, which will consist of Medicaid, Katrina health relief and Katrina energy relief, of Budget reconciliation recommendations.

Will continue tomorrow.

### BRIEFING—AGRO-TERRORISM THREAT ASSESSMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack met in executive session to receive a briefing on assessing the threat of agro-terrorism. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—VOTING RIGHTS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: Section 5 of the Act: History, Scope, and Purpose.” Testimony was heard from Brad Schlozman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing entitled “The Voting Rights Act: The Continuing Need for Section 5.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 429, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the re-

port, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Schiff.

### FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1461, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baker, Leach, Royce, Kennedy of Minnesota, Renzi, Frank of Massachusetts, Kanjorski, and Davis of Alabama.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to mark up the proposed Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005, 2 p.m., SD–608.